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1. Effects of delay in Hague Conference on Indonesia -- US Representative Dow in Batavia expresses the view that any undue delay in reaching a settlement at the Hague Conference on Indonesia would play into the hands of the Indonesian elements who criticize the Hatta Government for pursuing a policy of peaceful negotiation with the Dutch. Dow transmits a report from a Republican leader that critics of the Government are becoming more vocal and that the Republican Army is becoming more impatient. Dow indicates that considerable sentiment exists within the Republican Government for adjourning the Hague Conference and continuing it in Batavia. Meanwhile, US Embassy The Hague transmits the view of an Indonesian spokesman that the mounting impatience of the Republican Army is aggravated by a seeming lag in the Hague Conference.

(CIA Comment: CIA estimates that the Hague Conference can reach a conclusion within a short time after a financial settlement has been agreed upon by the two parties. Recent reports indicate that favorable progress is being made toward such a settlement.)

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